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SUBJECT: INDIA'S POL IMPORT BILL INCREASES DESPITE RISE IN PRODUCTION  
IN 1977

1. ACCORDING TO THE GOI MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM, INDIA'S CRUDE PETROLEU  
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PRODUCTION AMOUNTED TO 10.2 MILLION METRIC TONS (MT) IN CY 1977, UP  
17.2 PERCENT OVER THE PREVIOUS YEAR. MOST OF THIS INCREASE CAME FROM  
INDIA'S OFFSHORE BOMBAY HIGH, WHICH STARTED COMMERCIAL PRODUCTION  
IN MAY 1976. WHILE THE OFFSHORE PRODUCTION ROSE FROM 228,000 MT IN  
1976 TO 1,438,000 MT IN 1977, ONSHORE CRUDE PRODUCTION INCREASED BY  
ONLY 3.8 PERCENT DURING THE SAME PERIOD.

2. INDIA'S NATURAL GAS PRODUCTION AMOUNTED TO 2,725.69 MILLION  
CUBIC METERS IN 1977 OF WHICH ROUGHLY 40 PERCENT WAS FLARED.  
WITH THE STEP UP IN THE OFFSHORE CRUDE PRODUCTION FROM BOMBAY HIGH  
ASSOCIATED NATURAL GAS PRODUCTION IS EXPECTED TO INCREASE SIGNIFICANT-  
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DURING THE CURRENT YEAR.

3. INDIA'S HOTEL POL IMPORT BILL AMOUNTED TO RS 15.74 BILLION (DOLS  
1.85 BILLION AT RS 8.50 EQUI DOLS 1.00) IN 1977, UP 14.7 PERCENT OVER  
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PREVIOUS YEAR AND REPRESENTED ABOUT 30 PERCENT OF INDIA'S TOTAL IMPORTS.  
THIS INCLUDED CRUDE OIL IMPORTS OF 14.85 MILLION MT VALUED AT RS 12.84 BILLION (DOLS 1.51 BILLION) IN CY 1977 COMPARED TO 14.03 MILLION MT VALUED AT RS 11.44 MILLION (DOLS 1.35 MILLION) IN CY 1976. THE HIGHER CRUDE IMPORTS WERE DUE LARGELY TO INCREASED DOMESTIC REQUIREMENTS OF PETROLEUM PRODUCTS, PARTICULARLY KEROSENE AND HSD. IMPORTS OF PETROLEUM PRODUCTS ALSO ROSE FROM 2.34 MILLION MT VALUED AT RS 2.28 BILLION (DOLS 268 MILLION) IN CY 1976 TO 2.71 MILLION MT VALUED AT RS 2.90 BILLION (DOLS 341 MILLION) IN CY 1977. MAJOR IMPORTS INCLUDED NAPHTHA, KEROSENE, HSD AND FURNANCE OIL.  
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